



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

| | | | | Complete If Known |
|----------------------|---|----|---|--------------------------|
| Application Number | | | | 10/681,790-Conf. #6715 |
| Filing Date | | | | October 8, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | | | | Kevin M. Retz |
| Art Unit | | | | 3644 |
| Examiner Name | | | | G. L. Barefoot |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number |
| | | | | 030048083US1 |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| /J | AA** | US-2,084,790 | 06-22-1937 | Canney | |
| /J | AB** | US-5,114,097 | 05-19-1992 | SAM B. WILLIAMS | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁴ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| | | Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| /J | BA | WO 97/30444 | 07-16-1998 | Yalestown Corp NV | | |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. **CITE NO.: Those patent(s) or publication(s) which are marked with an double asterisk (**) next to the Cite No. are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| /J | CA | International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US03/31609; Applicant: The Boeing Company; 8 pgs | |
| /J | CB | WARWICK, G., "Sonic Orders Set for 2002 Lift Off", Flight International, Reed Business Information, Haywards Heath, GB, Vol. 159, No. 4778; 1 May 2001, pg 7 | |
| /J | CC | "Uncertainty Threatens to Delay Sonic Cruiser", Flight International, Reed Business Information, Haywards Heath, GB, Vol. 162, No. 4842, 30 July 2002, pg 11 | |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Best Available Copy

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|